Mr. PRESIDENT.—The expression "rate of assessment in a district" is generally understood to refer to the average rate.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—The maximum rate in the Kolar District is about Rs. 8-8-0: but under the Cauvery channel where there is a perennial supply of water, the average rate is Rs. 8-1-0. Does this not show that the rates in the Kolar District deserve to be reduced?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—But under the Cauvery irrigation, the maximum rate goes up to Rs. 12.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—What is given in the Survey and Settlement Report is the average rate and that information has been furnished. According to the *jantri*, every acre has got its own rate.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The question relates to the assessment under major tanks. Does the answer take into consideration only the major tanks or minor tanks also?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is not possible to make a difference between major and minor tanks. But only the wet rate of assessment has been taken into consideration.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Then, is not the answer furnished misleading?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No, that is the most approximate information that could be given. The members have got their doubts cleared now by means of supplementary questions. What is furnished in the answer indicates the average wet assessment under tanks.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that in the Kolar District the tanks get filled only once in 5 or 6 years?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government are aware that tanks in the Kolar District do not fill regularly; but to say that they get filled only once in 5 or 6 years would not be accurate.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Does it not show that the raiyats there richly deserve remission of assessment?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government have framed remission rules and remission is being given according to the rules.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Are not the Government aware that in that district, a full crop is not being raised even once in 5 or 6 years, whereas under the Cauvery channels, such a crop is raised every year?

Mr B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No, that statement may be disputed.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Have not representations been made to the Government for reduction of assessment in the district in several constitutional ways?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Have the Government under consideration any measures for giving relief to the raiyats in Kolar?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No proposal is under consideration.

Mr. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Have any suggestions been received from the representatives of the people to liberalise the remission rules?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is too general a question.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—Will the Government consider the question of liberalising the remission rules?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That relates to a question of policy which cannot be raised at question time.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—If you want to raise the whole question of land revenue policy, you can do it at the time of considering representations. Now, you can obtain only additional information.

Rallagangammana Jatra and Cattle Fair near Bowringpet.

Q.—15. Messrs. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA (Bowringpet Municipality) and B. SRINIVASA RAO (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that Rallagangammana Jatra and Cattle Fair are being held annually on the borders of the Mysore State in the eastern portion of Bowringpet Taluk;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the realisations of the Cattle Fair are being taken

by the Chittoor District Board on the ground that they belong to Kangondi;

(*c*) in whose jurisdiction this Rallagangammana Fair is being held and in whose jurisdiction the temple is located?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).**—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes The Cattle Fair and Jatra are said to be managed by the District Board, Chittoor.

(*c*) The Fair is held in the jurisdiction of Kangondi and the temple is also located within the *Zamindari*.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—With reference to answer (*c*), how long ago was the boundary of the Kangondi Zamindari fixed?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the boundary stones are being shifted from year to year?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—No.

Appointment of Mysoreans in the Gold Mining Companies.

Q.—16. **Messrs. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA** (Bowringpet Municipality) and **B. SRINIVASA RAO** (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the Dewan Sahib promised in the Representative Assembly Meeting that, while renewing the mining lease of Kolar Gold Fields, it would be stipulated that preference should be given to the Mysoreans for appointments in the mining companies;

(*b*) what is the number of Mysoreans employed accordingly in the Mining Companies?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) It was stated that the companies had promised to employ qualified Mysoreans as far as possible.

(*b*) It is ascertained that the number of Mysoreans by birth and domicile now employed in the superior service of the Mining Companies is about 270.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—With reference to answer (*b*), out of 270, how many are born Mysoreans?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—One hundred are said to be born Mysoreans and the rest are domiciled.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—Are Government aware that recently the mining authorities have entertained some hands from outside Universities?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—As far as possible, they are giving appointments to Mysoreans who include some passed candidates of the Benares University and the Dhanabad Mining Institute.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—What is meant by "superior service" mentioned in the answer?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It refers to employees on monthly salaries and not on daily wages.

Mr. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA.—What is the salary fixed for the superior service?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—I cannot say. But the list furnished indicates only employees drawing Rs. 100 and above.

Mr. G. CHANNAPPA.—Does the figure 270 relate to the Mysoreans entertained after the renewal of the lease?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—No, it includes the people entertained previously.

Mr. G. CHANNAPPA.—What is the number entertained after the renewal of the lease?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Notice.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Are not the mining authorities required to furnish to the Government statistics of Mysoreans employed by them every year?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—No.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Does it not form one of the terms of the renewed lease?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—No. There is no agreement, but only an understanding.